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1. AFP (WP) PEKING REPORTS SIHANOUK CABLED SEN. MANSFIELD THAT HE IS WILLING TO MEET HIM IF SENATOR FOLLOWS HIS PLANS TO VISIT PEKING. AS RELEASED IN PEKING, MESSAGE ASSERTS THAT NVN AND PRC HAVE STOPPED AID TO KI IN COMPLIANCE WITH JAN. C-F AND THAT IF PRES. NIXON "COPIED" THIS, PEACE AND CONSTITUTIONALITY WOULD SOON RETURN TO CAMBODIA. SIHANOUK ASKS SEN. TO INFORM PRES. AND CONGRESS OF HIS "SERIOUS AND SOLEMN PROPOSAL", SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT READY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US AND ASKS SENATOR TO PERSUADE US TO ABANDON LON NOL. SIHANOUK ADDS THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ALLOW LON NOL AND "JUNTA" TO LEAVE CAMBODIA, AND GRANT AMNESTY TO LOWER-RANKING COLLABORATORS; REITERATES THAT IF HE RETURNED TO PP HE WOULD NOT HOLD POWER BUT WOULD BE "NO. 1 REPRESENTATIVE FOR CAMBODIA ON INTERNATIONAL AND DIPLOMATIC SCENE". SEN. TELLS WP HE HAS NOT RECEIVED TELEGRAM AND WOULD NOT COMMENT UNTIL HE DID. WP QUOTES (UNIDENTIFIED) US ADMIN. SOURCE THAT TEXT DID NOT INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL SIHANOUK SHIFT IN POSITION, AND THAT US WANTS THE CAMBODIAN PARTIES TO WORK OUT SETTLEMENT THEMSELVES.

SAME SOURCE ALSO SAYS THAT NO PROOF EXISTS THAT NVN AND PRC HAVE ENDED MILIARY AID TO KI THOUGH THERE ARE INDICATIONS IT IS LESSENING.

2. SALA LEK PRAM, 27 MI. NORTH OF PP ON ROUTE 5 TO BATTAMBANG, HEAVILY ATTACKED BY KI DESPITE FANK REINFORCEMENTS (WP; UPI, PHINQ). TWO DISTRICT TOWNS SW OF PP SHELLED BY KI (WP). KAF T-28S HIT MONASTERY, 8 MI. SOUTH OF PP ON ROUTE 2, SUSPECTED OF BEING KI AMMO DEPOT (UPI, PHINQ).

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3. COMMUNISTS SHELL ARVN AIRBORNE POSITION NEAR HUE FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT DAY (PHINQ, WP). AFP (WP) REPORTS GVN BASES SURROUNDING HUE UNDER STEADY MORTAR FIRE AND OCCASIONAL GROUND ATTACKS FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS, WITH AT LEAST ONE BASE 28 MILES SOUTH OF HUE BEING ABANDONED. IN SAIGON, GROUP OF POLITICIANS, TRADE UNIONISTS, RELIGIOUS FIGURES (INCLUDING CATHOLICS, BUDDHISTS, AND THE COCONUT MONK) ANNOUNCE CAMPAIGN FOR RETURN OF EX-

EMPEROR BAO DAI TO BRING PEACE (CSM, WP). MINE ON ROAD  
NEAR PLEIKU KILLS SIX CIVILIANS (PHINQ).

THAILAND

4. THANOM RESIGNS IN WAKE OF VIOLENT STREET CLASHES  
BETWEEN RTG TROOPS AND THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS; KING  
NAMED THAMMASAT U RECTOR SANYA AS NEW PREMIER (AP PHINQ,  
CHITRIB; REUTER NYT, WP). SANYA ANNOUNCES THERE WILL  
BE NEW CONSTITUTION WITHIN SIX MONTHS, WITH GENERAL  
ELECTIONS TO FOLLOW SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNCONFIRMED  
REPORTS SAY MANY KILLED, HUNDREDS INJURED IN STREET  
FIGHTING. DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPORADIC POLICE SHOOTING  
CONTINUED INTO SUNDAY NIGHT DESPITE NAMING OF NEW  
PREMIER AND KING'S APPEAL FOR END TO VIOLENCE. AP RE-  
PORTS THANOM AND SON, AND PHRAPAS LEAVE COUNTRY.

5. SUN'S ISAACS, IN BANGKOK, REPORTS IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT  
THAI MILITARY LEADERS AUTOMATICALLY WILL ACCEPT AUTHORITY  
OF NEW CIVILIAN-LED GOVT. THANOM, THOUGH OUSTED AS PM,  
REPORTEDLY RETAINS COMMAND OF ARMED FORCES. ISAACS SAYS  
IF SANYA SUCCEEDS IN ESTABLISHING HIS AUTHORITY AND  
BREAKING MILITARY CLIQUE'S POWER, MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE  
HE WILL HAVE SUPPORT OF IMMENSE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS AND  
GENERAL PUBLIC. ADDS THAT THOUGH THANOM RULE WAS NOT  
NOTABLY OPPRESSIVE, IT WAS GENERALLY REGARDED AS CORRUPT,  
AND INEFFICIENT. "EASY-GOING" THAIS TOLERATED RULERS  
WHILE COUNTRY PROSPERED, PARTLY BECAUSE OF MORE THAN \$1  
BILLION US AID; THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, SHARPLY RISING PRICES  
CUT LIVING STANDARDS AND GRUMBLING INCREASED.

6. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, FROM HK, SUGGESTS THAT IF THANOM  
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RETAINS COMMAND OF THAI ARMED FORCES -- "AS IT SEEMS  
LIKELY" -- THEN HE AND HIS ALLIES AMONG THE GENERALS  
ARE ALSO LIKELY TO CONTINUE WIELDING PREDOMINANT RTG  
POWER. VIOLENCE CAME AS SURPRISE; ONLY FEW YEARS  
AGO THAI STUDENTS WERE CONSIDERED AMONG MOST DOCILE IN  
ASIA.

CHINA

7. TRUDEAU CONCLUDED TRADE AGREEMENT WITH PRC SATURDAY;  
MAIN ELEMENTS OF VISIT APPARENTLY BEHIND HIM, PM AND  
WIFE, ACCOMPANIED BY CHOU, MAKE BRIEF CHINA TOUR.  
TRUDEAU SAYS SATURDAY'S MEETING WITH MAO LASTED OVER  
HOUR, WAS "MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE." TELLS PEKING PRESS  
CONFERENCE THREE-YEAR TRADE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR EXCHANGE

VISITS BY MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL DELEGATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN 1974; REUNION OF SEPARATED FAMILIES ALSO PROVIDED FOR (CSM).

8. YOMIURI SHIMBUN REPORTS TENG HSIAO-PING, STATE COUNCIL VICE PREMIER, TELLING JAPANESE LEGISLATORS VISITING PEKING THAT THERE WILL BE NO IMPROVEMENTS IN SINO-US RELATIONS UNLESS US CUTS ALL RELATIONS WITH GRC AND RECOGNIZES PRC AS SOLE LEGITIMATE CHINA GOVT. (AP NYDN, PHINQ).

JAPAN

9. NCNA SAYS TANAKA'S VISIT TO MOSCOW ACHIEVED "NO RESULTS" ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS SUCH AS RETURN OF FOUR NORTHERN ISLANDS AND JAPAN-SOVIET PEACE TREATY (WP).

10. MITI DRAFTS PLAN CONTROLLING FUTURE OIL CONSUMPTION, IN RESPONSE TO MOUNTING ENERGY CRISIS AND MIDEAST WAR (WP, NYT).

11. JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS MAJORITY OF JAPAN'S LEADING TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS HAVE ESTABLISHED US SUBSIDIARIES IN ANTICIPATION OF EXPANDING DEMAND FOR THEIR GOODS AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE CUSHION AGAINST POSSIBLE HEAVY LOSSES CAUSED BY FUTURE FLUCTUATIONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE. OTHER JAPANESE TEXTILE CORPORATIONS KNOWN PLANNING FOLLOW LEAD OF MAJORS OVER NEXT FEW YEARS, INDUSTRY SOURCES SAY. ESTABLISHMENT OF US SUBSIDIARIES, JAPANESE TEXTILE MAKERS FEEL, WILL ALSO ENABLE THEM AVOID STRICT US IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. NYT NOTES TASS DISPATCH REFERRING TO SIHANOUK AS CAMBODIA'S "HEAD OF STATE", AND OTHER REPORTED USSR OVERTURES TO EXILED PRINCE. SAYS MOSCOW'S SWING TO SIHANOUK INCREASES POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRINCE WILL EMERGE AS A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE TO HEAD NEW GOVERNMENT WHEN SECRETARY DISCUSSES CAMBODIAN POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WITH CHINESE LEADERS LATER THIS MONTH. ASSERTS, HOWEVER, THAT THESE DELICATE DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOT BE HELPED IF CHINA AND A GROUP OF NONALIGNED NATIONS SUCCEED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HAVE A PRO-SIHANOUK RESOLUTION INSCRIBED ON UNGA AGENDA. SEES ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF PROGRESS IN INDOCHINA IN LAOTIAN POLITICAL SETTLEMENT; AND IN GVN RELEASE OF MRS. NGO BA THANH FROM PRISON AND ALLOWING HER TO HOLD ANTI-GOVERNMENT RALLY

IN WHICH SHE APPEALED TO ALL FACTIONS TO COOPERATE IN IMPLEMENTING PARIS AGREEMENT. IF CAMBODIA SOON FOLLOWS LAO EXAMPLE, THE ARGUMENT FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN SAIGON AS WELL IS CERTAIN TO RECEIVE INCREASING PUBLIC SUPPORT.

13. NYT'S GLORIA EMERSON INTERVIEWS MRS. EVANGELINE BRUCE WHO RETURNED FOR VISIT AND TO CONFER WITH MUSEUM OF MODERN ART IN NEW YORK WHICH IS PLANNING A COLLECTION OF 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE FOR DISPLAY IN USLO. CITES MRS. BRUCE AS SAYING THAT LIVING IN PEKING "GIVES ME A TREMENDOUS FEELING OF EXILARATION." "RATHER HESITANTLY" ADMITTING SHE HAD MET PM CHOU, SAID "HE IS EVERYTHING HE IS SAID TO BE."

14. CSM'S DONALD HARMON IN TAIPEI NOTES LENGTHY ARTICLES IN PRC PUBLICATIONS BITTERLY ATTACKING CONFUCIUS AS A LACKEY OF FEUDAL RULING CLASS OF HIS DAY AND A MURDERER WHOSE DISPATCH OF A POLITICAL RIVAL WAS COVERED UP BY UNCLASSIFIED

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SYMPATHETIC HISTORIANS. CITES MANY ANALYSTS AS VIEWING DIATRIBES AS AN ESOTERIC COMMENTARY ON CURRENT POWER STRUGGLES, BUT COMMUNIST ANTIPATHY TO CONFUCIUS IS LONG-STANDING. OBSERVES THAT THE NATIONALISTS, ON OTHER HAND, PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BEING GUARDIANS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE CULTURE, AND STUDY OF CONFUCIUS' PRECEPTS STILL OCCUPIES A SIGNIFICANT PLACE IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM; EACH YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 28 TAIWAN COMMEMORATES CONFUCIUS' BIRTHDAY, A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

15. REUTER PEKING (CSM) NOTES THAT OVER PAST YEAR OR SO CHINA'S FOREIGN-TRADE CORPORATIONS HAVE EMBARKED ON MAJOR BUYING SPREE, PARTICULARLY FROM THE WEST. BIGGEST

SENSATION HAS BEEN METEORIC RISE IN CHINA'S TRADE WITH US. TWO YEARS AGO TOTAL WAS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION; IN WAKE OF POLITICAL DETENTE, US EXPECTED TO SELL AT LEAST \$500 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS TO CHINA. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE MASSIVE RISE IN IMPORTS MEANS THAT CHINA HAS DECIDED TO SCRAP ITS BALANCED TRADE POLICY, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, AND RUN UP A TRADE DEFICIT. CHINA'S EXPORTS ARE RISING, BUT OBSERVERS POINT OUT THAT MOST OF THE INCREASE HAS BEEN IN TERMS OF VALUE, NOT VOLUME, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IF CHINA CAN EXPAND VOLUME RAPIDLY BECAUSE OF LIMITED PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY. LAST YEAR CHINESE TRADE OFFICIALS BEGAN TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCING IMPORTS BY "DEFERRED PAYMENTS." SEVERAL MAJOR

CONTRACTS ALREADY HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED UNDER "DEFERRED PAYMENT" ARRANGEMENT. BUT CHINA IS STILL FAIRLY HESITANT ABOUT THIS ARRANGEMENT AND ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS REVERTED TO PAYING CASH. SEVERAL SOURCES SUGGESTED CHINA MAY BE ACQUIRING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM FOREIGN BANKS, WHICH DEPOSIT MONEY IN PEKING FOR "GOODWILL" PURPOSES.

16. NYT'S LELYVELD, IN ARTICLE DATED SAN MIGUEL OCT. 6, OBSERVES THAT PHILS LAND REFORM IS MOVING SLOWLY SINCE IT INVOLVES DECISION WHETHER TO PUSH THROUGH PROGRAM OF TURNING LAND OVER TO TILLERS AND RISK WRATH OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME 320,000 SMALL LANDOWNERS, OR BACK DOWN ON PROMISES ALREADY MADE TO TENANT FARMERS. NOTES THAT FEWER THAN 16 PERCENT OF ONE MILLION TENANTS AFFECTED BY "EMANCIPATION DECREE", SIGNED BY MARCOS LAST YEAR, ACTUALLY WORKED FOR BIG LANDLORDS OWNING MORE THAN 60 ACRES. GREAT MASS OF TENANTS - 630,000 - WORK FOR LANDLORDS OWNING LESS THAN 17 1/2 ACRES. SMALL LANDOWNERS IS CLASS MARCOS HESITATES TO OFFEND, SINCE, ACCORDING TO SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN REFORM, ESTRELLA, "THESE MIDDLE-CLASS PEOPLE ARE PART AND PARCEL OF HIS NEW SOCIETY." OTHER SOURCES POINT OUT THAT SMALL LANDOWNERS ARE OFTEN MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICERS, OR GOVT. OFFICIALS, REPRESENTING IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF REGIME'S POLITICAL SUPPORT.

17. TIMOTHY PEARCE IN PEKING (CHITRIB) OBSERVES SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS ENTERING THEIR FIFTH YEAR WITH IDEOLOGICAL DISPUTE AT ITS BITTEREST SINCE TALKS BEGAN. NOTES CHOU'S INDICATION AT 10TH PARTY CONGRESS CHINESE WOULD LIKE TO TREAT IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT AS SEPARATE ISSUE FROM TERRITORIAL PROBLEM. ASSERTS THAT CHINESE SEE THREAT OF SOVIET AGGRESSION GROWING MORE ACUTE IF CURRENT EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE RESULTS IN REDUCTION OF WE MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. ADDS THAT CHINA APPEARS TO

HARDER ANTI-SOVIET LINE IN WE BUT THAT PRC SEEMS GAINING SUPPORT IN THIRD WORLD AS "POOR" POWER OPPOSING IMPERIALISTIC AMBITIONS OF TWO "RICH" SUPERPOWERS ENGAGED IN APPARENTLY PRODUCTIVE TALKS ABOUT DETENTE. SEES HUGE ARMIES ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER STAYING THERE FOR SOME TIME.

18. CSM'S SAIKOWSKI (PHINQ) REPORTS THAT NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR UNITED STATES TRADE (NCUST) WILL SEND ITS FIRST DELEGATION TO PEKING IN NOVEMBER WITH OBJECTIVE OF SETTING UP SCHEDULE OF US BUSINESS MISSIONS TO CHINA IN COMING MONTHS AS WELL AS VISITS OF CHINESE TECHNICAL TEAMS TO US. EIGHT-MAN NCUST DELEGATION ALSO HOPES TO

PLAN FIRST CHINESE TRADE EXHIBIT IN US AND FIRST US TRADE  
FAIR IN CHINA. TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE SINO-US COMMERCE,  
AMONG QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE TACKLED IN PEKING ARE  
SETTLEMENT OF COMMERCIAL DISPUTES, PATENTS, INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTY RIGHTS, DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO CHINESE  
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CLIENTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS. PRES. OF NCUST HAS URGED  
CONGRESS ENACT LEGISLATION EXTENDING MFN TREATMENT TO  
CHINA, NOTING PROBLEM POSED IN ABSENCE OF SUCH TREATMENT.

19. SUN DESCRIBES TANAKA VISIT TO MOSCOW AS "SOMETHING  
OF A NON-SUCCESS," AS FAR AS JAPANESE TERRITORIAL DEMANDS  
FOR THE RETURN OF ITS NORTHERN ISLANDS AND RUSSIAN HOPES  
FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN SCHEMES FOR THE EX-  
PLORATION OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES ARE CONCERNED. COMMENTS  
THAT THIS IS, UNDOUBTEDLY, MATTER FOR REJOICING IN CHINA  
AND SCARCELY ONE THAT WILL CAUSE WEeping ALONG FOGGY  
BOTTOM; BUT BOTH SHOULD REALIZE THAT IF STRUCTURE OF  
PEACE IS TO BE BUILT IN ASIA, GENUINE SOVIET-JAPANESE  
RECONCILIATION WILL HAVE TO BE ONE OF ITS KEY ELEMENTS.

20. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN ARTICLE DATELINED DABNAE-RI  
OCT. 6, COMMENTS THAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS SO EVIDENT IN  
SEOUL IS HARDLY VISIBLE IN VILLAGES WHERE ALMOST HALF  
OF SK'S 32 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE.

23. EUGENE ROSTOW, AFTER COMPLETING SEVEN-WEEK TOUR OF  
EA COUNTRIES, FEELS OVERWHELMING SENSE THAT GAP HAS  
WIDENED BETWEEN OUR PERCEPTION OF REALITY AND THAT OF  
OTHER PEOPLES. TO EAST ASIANS, US SEEMS STRONGER, MORE  
SECURE, AND MORE INFLUENTIAL SINCE END OF WWII. IN  
THEIR VIEW, CHINA'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH US SHOULD PERMIT  
VIGOROUS AMERICAN DIPLOMACY TO ACHIEVE DETENTE, AND EVEN  
PEACE, IF ONLY WE REMAIN STRONG AND STEADY ON COURSE.  
THIS VIEW OF WORLD IS HARDLY PREVAILING THEME OF US  
OPINION AT THE MOMENT. IN ASIA, OPINION REALIZES  
THAT NEW SINO-US RELATIONSHIP HAS STABILIZED OUR RELATIONS  
WITH SK, TAIWAN, AND JAPAN. QUESTION ONE FACES EVERY

DAY IS WHETHER US WILL INSIST ON ENFORCEMENT OF INDOCHINA  
C-F. ASIANS REGARD C-F, LIKE KOREAN ARMISTICE, AS  
CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO POSSIBILITY OF PEACE THROUGHOUT  
SEASIA, AND OF DETENTE AMONG GREAT POWERS. QUESTION  
ONE MEETS DAILY IS WHETHER NIXON WILL REPEAT JFK'S FATAL  
ERROR IN NOT REQUIRING SOVIET FULFILLMENT OF ITS 1962  
AGREEMENT WITH US TO GET NVN OUT OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA.  
IN ASIA AND IN EUROPE, MORAL OF CHINA'S DECISION TO  
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TURN TO US IS THAT IN NUCLEAR WORLD THERE IS NO  
ALTERNATIVE TO SECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH US EVEN FOR  
NUCLEAR AND POTENTIAL NUCLEAR POWERS LIKE CHINA, WE,  
AND JAPAN. FIRM AND CONCILIATORY AMERICAN DIPLOMACY  
SHOULD TRANSLATE THIS IRREVERSIBLE COMMUNITY OF SECURITY  
INTERESTS INTO CORRESPONDING UNITY IN OUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR  
ECON AND POLITICAL COOPERATION, AND ESPECIALLY FOR  
MONETARY MANAGEMENT. SUCH CONSOLIDATION OF US RELATIONS  
WITH KEY NATIONS SHOULD LEAD TO RESTRAINT IN SOVIET  
POLICY, AND THEREFORE MAKE DETENTE FEASIBLE (CSM).  
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